

The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) is a premier science institution that conducts research with partners, develops human capital and foster innovation in support of the agricultural sector. It provides diagnostic, laboratory, analytical, agricultural engineering services, post-harvest technology development, agrochemical evaluation, consultation and advisory services, food processing technology services as well as various surveys and training interventions. Through its wider network of research institutes and experimental farms, the ARC provides a strong scientific base and a broadly distributed technology transfer capacity to the entire agricultural industry in South Africa.

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***The ARC-Institute for Fruit, Vine and Wine (ARC-Infruitec-Nietvoorbij) seeks to appoint a highly skilled, experienced and dynamic person to the following position-at Stellenbosch***

## **SENIOR RESEARCHER - SOIL CULTIVATION & NUTRITION**

### **Key Performance Areas:**

- Initiate, conduct and manage projects under Soil and Water Science Programme focusing on Soil Cultivation and Nutrition of Vines and Deciduous Fruit trees, in compliance with set standards, clients' needs/specifications, within budget and on time,
- Develop project proposals in line with presidential imperatives, strategic goals and research themes of the ARC,
- Ensure that the allocated budgets are managed in a cost effective and pro-active manner, including timeous execution of financial administrative activities/tasks in compliance with prescribed financial procedures and policies of the ARC,
- Ensure that the allocated personnel and students are mentored, trained, utilized and evaluated in order to achieve the targets of the Programme and ultimately the ARC,
- Contribute to the status of the ARC through high quality research findings/products in compliance with expected scientific standards,
- National and international recognition as a scientist,
- Actively identify and pursue business opportunities,



- Participate in the dissemination and marketing of information through national and international publications, conferences and workshops.

**Requirements:**

- PhD in Agriculture majoring in Soil Science and Viticulture/Horticulture or related disciplines with 5 years post-PhD work experience,
- A proven peer-reviewed publication record with a minimum of 10 peer-reviewed publications,
- Preference will be given to applicants with practical experience in field-based viticulture and deciduous crops procedures and experimentation,
- Knowledge in personnel management and supervision,
- Proven record of writing research proposals with positive funding outcomes,
- Ability to organize, prioritize and work systematically,
- Financial management, networking with national and international clients and stakeholders,
- Proven experience in popular publications and report writing,
- Good communication verbal and written skills,
- Proficiency in MS office suite.

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**THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 06 SEPTEMBER 2021**

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A competitive remuneration package will be congruent with the scope, responsibilities and the stature of the position. The appointment will be subject to a positive security clearance and preference will be given to South African citizens.

Applications accompanied by covering letter, detailed CV (Including certificates, supporting documents, copy of driver's license and nationality. NB: Non-RSA Citizens/work permit holders must attach certified copies) as well as the names and particulars of three (3) traceable referees must be e-mail to [Infruiteccv@arc.agric.za](mailto:Infruiteccv@arc.agric.za)

SAQA evaluation report must accompany foreign qualifications. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants who do not receive any response four (4) weeks after the closing date must regard their applications as unsuccessful. The Agricultural Research Council is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to the principles and processes of Employment Equity. The company has the right not to appoint.

